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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-141322 published in Japan on June 2, 1995;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-313920 published in Japan on November 9, 2001;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-357144 published in Japan on December 26, 2001;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-312546 published in Japan on November 9, 2001; and
- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-265903 published in Japan on September 28, 2001.


The above-listed prior art are cited in the International Search Report issued by

Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application. Though these prior art cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Xs, Ys and As along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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